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In the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, the Examiner has rejected Claims 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention; and 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the specification does not enable control of velocity of insertion of the hollow cylinder. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the use of the term "insertion" is not supported in the Specification, and kindly suggests replacement with the term "removal". Furthermore, the Examiner, while rejecting Claims 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Andreponte (U.S. Patent No. 3,451,104), has indicated that the above suggested correction (substituting "removal" for "insertion") will render the Claims allowable over the prior art. By this paper, in independent Claim 11, Applicant has replaced "insertion" with "removal" as suggested. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 11, and Claim 12-15 dependent thereon, which are the claims remaining in this Application (Claims 1-10 now standing as withdrawn), should now be allowed.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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